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SUBJECT: SAHARA: MUBARAK MISSION ATTRACTS LITTLE ATTENTION;
RYDBECK MISSION

1. ALGERIAN MEDIA FEB 4-5 NOTED BRIEFLY EGYPTIAN VP MUBARAK'S FOURTH VISIT (FEB 4) HERE IN PAST WEEK AND HIS MEETING WITH BOUMEDIENE. NO MENTION MADE OF MUBARAK'S SUBSEQUENT TRIP TO FES AND RETURN TO CAIRO, OR OF HIS ANNOUNCEMENT, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND MENA REPORTED, THAT HIS MEDIATION HAD PREPARED WAY FOR DIRECT CONTACTS BETWEEN PARTIES AND THAT HE HAD FOUND BOUMEDIENE, HASSAN AND OULD DADDAH "SUPPLE." EARLIER MENA REPORT THAT MEDIATION HAD HAD IMPORTANT RESULT WHICH WOULD SOON BE KNOWN ALSO NOT PICKED UP HERE. MEDIA HERE CONFINE THEMSELVES TO COMMENTING THAT ONLY PROBLEM NEEDING MEDIATION EXISTS BETWEEN SAHARAN PEOPLE AND MOROCCAN AND MAURITANIAN AGGRESSORS.

2. MEDIA NOTE WITHOUT COMMENT RYDBECK'S ARRIVAL IN MADRID, HIS SCHEDULED MEETINGS WITH SPANISH OFFICIALS, AND HIS PLAN FOR VISITING EL AYOUN. ACCORDING TO RADIO FEB 5 RYDBECK
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MADE STATEMENT IN MADRID TAKING NOTE OF TWO UN RESOLUTIONS

ON SAHARA AND REAFFIRMING SAHARAN PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO SELF-
DETERMINATION.

3. COMMENT: MUBARAK'S ARRIVAL STATEMENT ON HIS RETURN
TO CAIRO SEEMS TO DEFLATE SOMEWHAT OPTIMISTIC LINE WHICH
MENA SAID TO HAVE BEEN PUTTING OUT. DIRECT CONTACTS
MENTIONED BY MUBARAK STRIKE US AS UNLIKELY AT THIS STAGE,
BUT WE WOULD NOT RULE OUT POSSIBILITY ALTOGETHER. LYNE

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